

REMARKS

Claims 12-18 are pending. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claim 17. Claims 16 and 17 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. The rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed in light of the amendments and following remarks, and reconsideration is requested.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing the "split piece" of the nut member and the "moveable member". The "split piece" corresponds to "engagement piece 29" in one example, as referenced in FIG. 7, and the "moveable member" corresponds to "gear box 7" in one example, as referenced in FIG. 2.

Accordingly, because the drawings do show the features of the invention as specified in the claims, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 12 is objected to because "and a nut member" should be deleted. Claim 12 has been amended to delete "and a nut member", and Applicants request that the objection to Claim 12 be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner writes that there is insufficient antecedent basis in Claim 14 for "said pyrotechnical actuator". Claim 14 has been amended to recite "a pyrotechnical actuator", and Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 01/45985 A1 to Specht et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,837,540 B2 to Yamaguchi et al.

Claims 17 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claim 17 and intervening Claim 16, and is thus now allowable over the cited references.

Claims 13-15 and 18 are dependent on Claim 12 and contain additional limitations that further distinguish them from the cited references. Therefore, Claims 13-15 and 18 are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons provided above with respect to Claim 12.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all the claims are now allowable and request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

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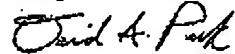
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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants believe pending Claims 12-15 and 18 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the Application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Applicants' Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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